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Hello! This month's **DOC AQUIS** will consist of information taken from press releases that we've been gathering in preparation for this **Have You Heard** column. We've arranged our summaries alphabetically by reporting company name and, being the helpful souls that we try to be, have included phone numbers, email addresses, and URL's whenever possible so that you can get additional information if something catches your attention. Some of the information is hot off the press — other information may be old news to you (yet worth repeating!) So now, pour yourself a cup of coffee (or whatever) and let us share with you what we've heard!

Have You Heard?

Academic Book Center has announced the opening of its Web Connection which provides your library Web access to Academic's online bibliographic information. Included in the Web Connection is the Approval Review, which allows Approval Plan customers to review form selections made against a specific profile online. If you are a current user of Academic's Approval Connection or Firm Order Connection, your current login id and password can be used to access the Web Connection. If you aren't a current user, you can access their Website and

request a login id/password using their online form. For more information email **Bob Schatz** at <bobs@acbc.com> or call 800/547-7704 x205. The Web site can be accessed at <<http://www.acbc.com>>.

CAS (Chemical Abstracts Service) and **Springer-Verlag GmbH & Co.** have announced that they have signed an agreement licensing to CAS files containing bibliographic and abstract source material from the Springer-Verlag journals in electronic form. This agreement will allow

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CAS to acquire the data on or before the Springer-Verlag journal's print publication date, which will reduce the time that it takes to deliver this information to users of CAS databases by anywhere from two weeks to two months.

Dawson has announced the launch of a new electronic information access service called **Information Quest (IQ)**, which provides one-stop worldwide access to scientific, technical, medical, and business journals in electronic form through the Internet. IQ has the ability to search on any word within the article content of a publication. It will search the original journal text and then deliver the selected original journal article, including graphics, right to the user's desktop. For more information about Information Quest, call **Portia La Touche**, Information Quest Worldwide Sales Manager, at 800/876-5484 or 619/431-8400; fax 619/431-8448; Web access <<http://www.eiq.com>> or <<http://www.eosintl.com>> or email to <platouche@eosintl.com>.

Ebsco Publishing has announced the integration of the **EBSCOdoc** document delivery service with **EBSCOhost**. This will enable **EBSCOhost** customers with **EBSCOdoc** accounts the ability to order

fulltext documents while conducting research within **EBSCOhost**. Also announced was the release of the **MAS FullTEXT Premier** database designed for high school and junior college libraries. This product contains searchable fulltext for over 210 general interest titles and includes abstracts and indexing for nearly 500 titles Ebsco Publishing's new online service **EBSComed — the Research Remedy**, is an online service of medical and allied health reference products. **EBSComed** provides medical databases, comprehensive fulltext journals, consumer literature and additional health research tools. It is available via the Internet, company intranets and on CD-ROM. Finally, Ebsco's **1997 Electronic Media Catalog**, formerly the CD-ROM Handbook, is now available. To receive a free copy, contact any Ebsco Regional Office or representative or fax or email your request to: EBSCO Subscription Services, Catalog Coordinator; fax 205/995-1636 or email <kkosie@ebSCO.com>.

Follett Software Company has announced additions and improvements to its Web site: <<http://www.fsc.follett.com>>. Through the site guests can directly download the **Follett Automation News**, the Company's customer newsletter; link to the **Librarian's Online Warehouse** Web site; check system requirements for Follett Software products; request free demon-

strations of award-winning educational software; review district level automation planning information; and check out career opportunities. Also announced by Follett is the development for its next **Macintosh product line upgrade**, which will include the Company's leading library automation software, **Circulation Plus** and **Catalog Plus**, on the Macintosh platform. The upgrade to version 3.00 will give Macintosh customers new features which will help in managing their libraries more efficiently.

The Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) has announced that it has reached an agreement with **Ovid Technologies, Inc.** to provide Ovid users with document delivery service from ISI. This agreement allows for the fulfillment of fulltext article requests originating from Ovid databases through ISI's document delivery service, **The Genuine Article (TGA)**. In the second quarter of 1997, ISI will be upgrading and renaming its document delivery service. **ISI Document Solution** will offer "one-stop shopping" capability to end users for virtually any publicly-available document — inside or outside the ISI journal collection. This comprehensive document delivery service will offer a complete fulltext option for Ovid users. For more information about ISI, visit their homepage at <<http://www.isinet.com>> or email <sales@isinet.com> or call 800-336-4474.

SIRSI Corporation has released its new **Hyperion Digital Media Archive System**. Hyperion employs advanced scanning, imaging, and client-server technology to enable the easy digitization, storage and fast retrieval of digital information. It captures and stores electronic representations of information from paper, film, audio, video and other media sources. Used with SIRSI's **Unicorn** library information management system, Hyperion's database is easily accessible via the Online Public Access Catalog. Also from SIRSI comes the announcement of the launch of its **Z39.50 Resource Directory** located at <<http://www.sirsi.com/Zresources/zlinks.html>>. The Directory is the debut of a multiphase project in support of the Z39.50 Information Search and Retrieval Protocol. Contact SIRSI via phone at (205) 922-9892, fax at (205) 922-9818, or at <<http://www.sirsi.com>>.

The UnCover Company and **CatchWord Ltd.** are pleased to announce a collaboration to develop an interface that will allow users to order and receive journal articles via the Internet. The agreement calls for the UnCover Company and its database of 17,000 journal titles to be integrated into the network of servers maintained by CatchWord. The

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officially added to the collection, but purchases — particularly those made with tax dollars — are frequently controlled by legal restrictions. Auditors may require you to keep detailed records that track the fate of your acquisitions for as much as

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CatchWord servers are located around the world and act as an electronic warehouse for journals. In instances where the publisher has given permission to UnCover and CatchWord to provide electronic document delivery, users will be able to access the CatchWord servers and order articles of interest. After a request has been placed, users will be able to load the **RealPage** software at no cost to view the article on their desktop. CatchWord specializes in and works on behalf of publishers to produce electronic versions of their printed material. Its aim is to provide a top quality Internet publishing environment which completely reproduces the look of the original text including tables, graphics, and diagrams. Subscribers to the CatchWord service can access and view the information with the RealPage software. Access to the information on the CatchWord servers is controlled either by subscription or on a pay-per-view basis. CatchWord Ltd. is located at RealPage House, Oxfordshire England; phone: +44(0)1235-555877. The WWW address is <<http://www.catchword.co.uk>>. The **UnCover Company** and **Academic Book Center** have announced the release of **Books-in-Reveal**, an enhancement to Reveal, the electronic alerting service from UnCover that allows users to stay current on the latest periodical literature published. Now, Reveal subscribers will receive weekly announcements of new books published in their fields of interest as well. For additional information call 303/758-3030 or 800/787 7979 or visit <<http://www.carl.org/uncover>>.

WLN has announced the publication of the fifth edition of the **Interlibrary Loan Policies Directory**. Updated for the first time since 1995, the Directory provides libraries with the ILL policies for over 435 libraries in the Pacific Northwest and elsewhere. Cost for the directory is \$50 for libraries which have provided their ILL policies for the Directory, and \$60 for libraries whose ILL policy is not available in the Directory. An order form for the Directory can be printed off from WLN's homepage <www.wln.com>. For more information call 800/342-5956, 360/923-4000; fax 360/923-4009; or email **Kristen Hughes** at <hughes@wln.com>.

five years. When dealing with gifts, even those made in previous centuries, be sure that you have the right to dispose of the volumes, and that your library has not legally contracted to keep everything unto the end of the World.

After weighing our options, Boalt Hall Law Library has decided to hold an annual or semi-annual book sale, targeting the law school students and faculty. At first we flinched at the idea of a book sale (who would want to buy this junk??), but our experience with the free book truck came quickly to mind. It always amazed us that the most fundamentally worthless cast-offs — volume two (covers missing) of the superseded supplement to the 1957 soybean report for Yuba County — would be snatched up and carried off as if it were Suleyman's treasure. But will our patrons actually pay for this dross? Will poor law students shell out dough for something that we were reluctant to try to give away? Will (rich) law faculty who have never stepped foot in the Library be lured from their luxurious new offices with the tanta-



lizing prospect of actually *paying* for materials that they usually check out and keep on their bookshelves as if they owned them anyway? Should this writer quit his job as Head of Technical Services, buy a double-breasted sharkskin suit, a pair of white shoes and mirror shades, and start doing thirty-second promos on cable-access TV?

Watch this space. As we said, it's not easy being greed — uh, green. 🐉

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